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- Requests are due by February 15, 2008.

FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Western Alaska CDQ Loan Program

Project Location: 65 villages along the coast of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands in Alaska

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

An appropriation of \$3 million is needed to authorize \$300 million in new loan authority under the federal loan program for participants in the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program. This CDQ Loan Program was created by Congress in 1998 (P.L. 105-277) to enable impoverished villages along the Bering Sea coast to participate in the capital-intensive federal commercial pollock fishery that takes place off their shores. The CDQ Loan Program was expanded by Congress in 2005 (109-108) and 2006 (P.L. 109-241) to apply to all federal groundfish fisheries of the Bering Sea. Coastal Villages Region Fund (CVRF) represents 20 villages and 9,000 residents — about one-third of the participants in the CDQ Program. The CVRF region is among the poorest in the CDQ Program. While CVRF is already providing millions of dollars of economic opportunity for its residents, the region is still decades way from catching up economically with the rest of Alaska or the United States. An FY09 appropriation for the CDQ Loan Program will help CVRF and other CDQ groups to better meet the economic challenges faced by their villages. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED BILL LANGUAGE AND MATERIALS.

Related Appropriations Bill: FY09 CJS Appropriations Bill

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$3,000,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$3,000,000

Number of years to fund this project: One

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: \$0

Matching funds from local and private entities:

CDQ villages/groups will match more than the \$3 million appropriation, but how much more will depend on which projects/loans NMFS approves.

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

FY06 CJS Appropriations (P.L. 109-108) — \$2,000,000 was provided in the last proviso under the heading "NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION—OPERATIONS, RESEARCH, AND FACILITIES". Technical amendments to this proviso were made by section 416(c) of the 2006 Coast Guard authorization bill (P.L. 109-241)

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: \$0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: \$0

☐ Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

List legislation that authorizes this project:

P.L. 105-277 (section 211(e) of title II, division c)

Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- ☒ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

Appropriation Request -- Western Alaska CDQ Loan Program

Bill Language

Background: Under the Federal Credit Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), loan obligations may be incurred under federal loan programs only to the extent that authority is provided in advance in appropriations bills (see 2 U.S.C. 661c(b)). Federal loan programs such as the Western Alaska CDQ Loan Program therefore require appropriations bill language (not just report language) in order for loans to be made. Further, the appropriations bill language must set forth the limit of the total amount of loans enabled by the appropriation. The following FY09 CJS bill language is requested by Coastal Villages Region Fund to accomplish these requirements for the Western Alaska CDQ Loan Program:

"In accordance with the Federal Credit Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), \$3,000,000 shall remain available until expended to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans, not to exceed a total of \$300,000,000, under section 211(e) of title II of division C of Public Law 105-277, subject to the terms described in the last proviso under the heading "NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION-OPERATIONS, RESEARCH, AND FACILITIES" in the Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-108) as amended by section 416(c) of Public Law 109-241."

Additional Background Information

Attached are copies of the relevant provisions of the Federal statutes mentioned in the proposed FY09 bill language:

Public Law 105-277 (sec. 211(e)) (1998) – Creation of CDQ Loan Program.

Public Law 109-108 (FY06 CJS) (2005) – Expansion of CDQ Loan Program to allow loans in all Bering Sea groundfish fisheries (rather than just pollock) and to allow repayment terms of up to 30 years at NMFS' discretion.

Public Law 109-241 (sec. 416(c)) (2006) – Technical amendments requested by NMFS to P.L. 109-108 to satisfy all Federal Credit Reform Act requirements, as well as amendments to clarify that the CDQ loans may be used for permits, quotas, and cooperative rights – in addition to the vessels and shoreside processors in the fisheries (much of the cost of entry into the fisheries now rests in the permits, quotas and cooperative rights).